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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: TIME TO REVIEW DRUG POLICY FOR ALL CITY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL**

Earlier this week, Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) filed an official request to the Director of Emergency Services, who oversees the City's paramedics and lifeguards, and the Chief Administrator of the Honolulu Liquor Commission regarding their respective department's illegal drug policies.

"In light of the unfortunate situation that arose in the Honolulu Fire Department, it is important that the City review the drug policies at all of its public safety and law enforcement agencies to make sure officers wouldn't be able to continue to remain on the job after a drug dealing conviction, as happened with HFD. The drug problem and ice epidemic in Hawaii strikes all sectors of our society. We owe the public a thorough review of our municipal drug policies, including random drug testing, for all public safety and law enforcement personnel," stated Councilmember Djou.

Recently, Honolulu Firefighter Michael P.K. Kawasaki was convicted in federal court of ice drug distribution. HFD's personnel policies did not require Kawasaki to inform HFD command of his drug arrest or criminal conviction. This circumstance has led to a review of HFD personnel drug policies, including random drug testing to insure that all firefighters are tested for illegal drugs. The police department already has strict rules on reporting criminal misconduct to HPD leadership. Councilmember Djou is asking Emergency Services and the Liquor Commission conduct a review similar to what HFD is considering.

As a U.S. Army Reserve officer, Councilmember Djou participates in a random drug-testing program and is the only member of the Honolulu City Council to do so.

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